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Dear Dr. Orme-Zavaleta,

I understand that you will be going to Hanoi next week for the 2012 meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee on Agent Orange/Dioxin. I worked closely with Dr Kevin Teichman while he was the co-chair of the JAC as well as with Vance Fong. I will be at the meetings this year and so I am writing to introduce myself.

I served as the Ford Foundation Representative in Vietnam from 1997 to 2007 and headed the Foundation's office in Hanoi. During those 10 years, and later at the Ford headquarters in New York, my program provided \$17 million in grants for environmental remediation of dioxin in Vietnam, services to people with disabilities regardless of cause, restoration of damaged landscapes and public education in the U.S. In February 2007 we supported the establishment of the U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue Group on Agent Orange/Dioxin, a bi-national committee of prominent citizens in both countries co-chaired by Walter Isaacson, President and CEO of the Aspen Institute and Ambassador Ha Huy Thong, Vice Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Vietnam's National Assembly. Susan V. Berresford, formerly the President of the Ford Foundation, convenes the Dialogue Group.

In May 2011 I joined the Aspen Institute, where I direct its Agent Orange in Vietnam Program. Among other things the Program supports the activities of the Dialogue Group. In June 2010 the Dialogue Group published a Plan of Action containing prioritized activities which would remediate the dioxin, strengthen social services for people with disabilities regardless of cause, restore damaged landscapes and build scientific capacity. The Dialogue Group published an annual update in 2011 and again in 2012. I've attached the DG annual report for 2012—It contains eight recommendations, each supported by detailed information. You can also find more on our web pages at [www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/agent-orange](http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/agent-orange)

I look forward to meeting you next week.

With best wishes,

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